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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order

Docket No. 2018-319-E

Dear Jocelyn:

We have recently been notified by Southern Reporting, Inc. that this office will be required to pay something well in excess of \$2,000.00 for a copy of the transcript from the recent Duke Energy Carolinas rate case hearing. I anticipate that the final bill could be in excess of \$5,000.

It is, of course, necessary for ORS to have a copy of the final transcript both for preparing a proposed Order or post-hearing brief as well as for the record in any possible appeal of the Commission's final decision. Yet, while we require a copy of this transcript, as a state agency, representing the public interest, the costs of such in both this as well as the upcoming Duke Energy Progress rate case, will strain this agency's resources.

Like the Commission itself, ORS is a state agency with limited resources. We would ask that both now and in the future copies of transcripts be provided to state agencies, at no charge, if a party has requested and paid for a copy of the transcript.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-mail)
All Parties of Record (via E-mail)